

EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (EUC)**1. What is Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC)?**

Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) is a temporary federal program which pays additional weeks of extended unemployment benefits on Tier levels to certain workers who continue to be unemployed after exhausting 26 weeks of regular benefits and is not eligible to file a new claim for regular unemployment insurance (UI) benefits.

- New applications for the EUC program can be taken up to December 28, 2012 before the program ends on January 3, 2013. The last payable week is the week ending December 29, 2012.
- 20 weeks on Tier I up to September 1, 2012. Effective September 2, 2012, only 14 weeks will be payable.
- 14 weeks on Tier II.
- 13 weeks on Tier III until June 23, 2012 when Tier III ends in Hawaii. You can continue to collect your remaining balance beyond June 23, 2012 if you are already on Tier III.

2. Who qualifies for EUC? (You must meet all of the following requirements.)

- a. You must be unemployed or working and earning wages totaling less than the weekly benefit amount on your regular UI claim.
- b. You had a Hawaii claim for regular benefits with a benefit year ending May 1, 2007 or later which has exhausted or has expired.
- c. You must have, in the base period of your regular claim, one of the following: (1) 20 weeks of full-time employment, or (2) wages equal to one and one-half times the highest quarter wages in your base period, or (3) wages equal to forty times your regular weekly benefit amount.
- d. You must not be eligible to receive benefits under any other state, federal or Canada law or extended benefits under the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970.
- e. You must satisfy all eligibility requirements of the Hawaii Employment Security Law that apply to regular UI benefits.
- f. (1) You must be registered for work in HireNet Hawaii and keep your resume posted online. You must continue to make 3 job contacts each week. You must keep a record of your job contacts on Form UC-253, *Record of Contacts Made for Work*, and provide a copy upon request.
(2) If you are a member of a union hiring hall, you must continue to be in good standing and follow the requirements of your union. If not, you must register for work as provided in (1) above.
(3) Individuals who reside outside the state of Hawaii must register for work in their state of residence.
- g. You must attend a reemployment eligibility assessment when requested to do so. Failure to attend may result in a denial of benefits.
- h. You must not have a disqualification or ineligibility still in effect on your regular UI claim.

3. How much can I collect?

- a. Your EUC weekly benefit amount will be the same amount as your regular UI weekly benefit amount.
- b. The maximum amount payable will vary in 2012. 47 weeks are payable up to June 23, 2012. After June 23, 2012, only 34 weeks are payable as Tier III will end in Hawaii. Effective September 2, 2012, Tier I will be reduced and only 28 weeks will be payable.
- c. There is no waiting period week requirement on your EUC claim.
- d. All EUC payments will end with the week ending December 29, 2012 even if you did not receive all of your EUC benefits or all of the Tiers.

4. How do I get paid EUC benefits?

- a. **Filing by telephone.** After you apply for EUC, use the Hawaii Tele-Claim service to file your weekly or bi-weekly claim certifications as instructed. You will need your social security number and a personal identification number (PIN) to access Hawaii Tele-Claim.
 - Call 643-2222 if you are filing from Hawaii.
 - Call 1-877-215-5791 (toll-free) if you are calling from outside Hawaii.
- b. **Filing online.** Go to uiclaims.hawaii.gov.

- c. You must file claim certifications on a timely basis. For weekly filing, the claim certification is due within seven (7) days after the weekending date. For bi-weekly filing, the claim certification is due within seven (7) days after the second weekending date.

5. How will I know if I am eligible for EUC?

You will receive a notice, “*Unemployment Determination of Insured Status*”, that will provide you with information on your weekly benefit amount and maximum benefit amount. If you are not eligible, the determination will state the reason for your ineligibility. Once you have applied, your EUC claim will be automatically revised to the next Tier level if you are eligible until the EUC program ends and you will be mailed a revised *Unemployment Determination of Insured Status*.

6. What does “pending EUC review” mean?

At the end of every calendar quarter, all states are required by federal guidelines to review each EUC claim to determine whether you qualify for a new regular claim (which may result in a new lower weekly benefit amount) or can continue on your EUC claim. While the review is pending, continue to file your weekly or bi-weekly claim certifications.

7. Can I be disqualified from receiving EUC?

Yes, all eligibility requirements that apply to regular benefits will apply to your EUC claim. If you encounter problems on your claim, information will be obtained from you and a determination, Form UC-BP-23, “*Notice of Decision on Unemployment Insurance Claim*,” will be mailed to you.

You can appeal any decision made by the department within 10 calendar days or, with good cause, 30 calendar days after the date the decision was mailed.

8. Am I eligible to receive other additional benefits?

No, there is no other program to provide additional benefits after EUC.

NOTICE

Under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, knowingly and willfully concealing a material fact by any trick, scheme, or device or knowingly making a false statement in connection with this claim is a Federal Offense, punishable by a fine or imprisonment of not more than five years, or both, under Title 18 of the United States Code.

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